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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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YOSHIMASA ARAKI, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 3754
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Sir:

In support of Applicants' claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, enclosed
is a certified copy of the following Japanese application:

No. 2003-080204 filed March 24, 2003.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mark A. Williamson", written over a horizontal line.

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